

CLAIMS

- 5 1. A method of providing a link between an application program and a function in a dynamic link library of a computing device, the method comprising providing a remapping component arranged to provide, in response to a call by the application program to link to the function at an address location in a first dynamic link library, an address location
10 for the function in a further dynamic link library, so as to enable the application programme to link directly to the function in the further dynamic link library.
2. A method according to claim 1 wherein the address location of the
15 function in the further dynamic link library is provided by inserting the address location into an export data table for the remapping component.
3. A method according to claim 2 comprising using a relocation instruction
20 in the remapping component to insert the said address location into the export data table.
4. A method according to any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the remapping
25 component is arranged to provide the respective address locations of a plurality of functions in a plurality of further dynamic link libraries.
5. A method according to any one of the preceding claims comprising
providing a plurality of the remapping components between the first
dynamic link library and the further dynamic link library.
- 30 6. A method according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the application program is arranged to link by ordinal number to the dynamic link library.

7. A method according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the application program is arranged to link by name to the dynamic link library.

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8. A computing device arranged to operate in accordance with a method according to any one of claims 1 to 7.

9. Computer software arranged to cause a computing device to operate in accordance with a method according to any one of claims 1 to 7.

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